



MINUTES

ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING

7 FEBRUARY 2023



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Ian McCabe

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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The Gifts Register contains the disclosures of gifts that have been made by Elected Members, the Chief Executive Officer and Employees in their official capacity.

To adhere with the changes to gift disclosure regulations in the *Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2019*, passed by Parliament on 27 June 2019, the Shire of Wagin provides gift disclosure information in the interests of accountability and transparency.

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Community Strategic Vision

Wagin is a community where individuals, families and businesses can invest and prosper, preserving the safe, affordable and inclusive country lifestyle and ensuring that Wagin is a place people like to live in and visit.

Council's Mission and Philosophy

The Shire of Wagin is a focussed Local Government providing progressive and innovative leadership that builds a sustainable future while supporting a vibrant, healthy and caring community.

Council's Guiding Values

- Governance and Leadership
- Honesty and Integrity
- Innovation and Creativity
- Community Focused
- Environmentally Aware

Shire of Wagin Strategic Community Plan 2020 - 2030



SHIRE OF WAGIN

Minutes for the Annual Meeting of Electors to be held in the Council Chambers,
Wagin on Tuesday 7 February 2023 commencing at 6:30pm

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

2.1 ATTENDANCE & VISITORS

Cr Phillip Blight

Cr Geoff West

Cr Sherryl Chilcott

Cr Bryan Kilpatrick

Cr Bronwyn Hegarty

Ian McCabe

Donna George

Chief Executive Officer

Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer

2.2 APOLOGIES

Cr Greg Ball

Cr Wade Longmuir

Mrs Patterson

Resident

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

3.1 MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL ELECTORS MEETING HELD 21 DECEMBER 2021

ELECTORS DECISION

Moved Cr B S Hegarty

Seconded Cr S M Chilcott

That the Minutes of the Annual Electors Meeting held on 21 December 2021 and circulated to all Councillors, be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Carried 6/0

4. RECEIVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2022 CONTAINING THE FOLLOWING

4.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT



4.2 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

4.3 AUDIT REPORT

4.4 ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

ELECTORS DECISION

Moved Cr G K B West

Seconded Cr S M Chilcott

That the 2021/2022 Annual Report of the Shire of Wagin for the year ending 30 June 2022, be received.

Carried 6/0

NOTE:

**Due to the size of the document, a copy of the 2021/2022 Annual Report can be found at www.wagin.wa.gov.au/documents/annual-reports

The Annual Report may also be viewed at the Administration office or the library prior to this meeting. Reference copies of the Annual Report and Financial Report will be available prior to commencement of this meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE ELECTORS AT THE MEETING

Questions tabled in writing by Mrs Denise Patterson:

1. **Is all land in the district subject to the Local Planning Scheme?** Yes. All ratepayers are subject to the same provisions of the scheme and planning regulations and everyone is required to apply for approval before making any development. This is the law of Western Australia.
2. **Total cost since the complaint was incurred?** There has been more than one complaint in relation to the particular matter Mrs Patterson refers to. All persons subject to a complaint or possible legal action are entitled to their privacy so no direct comment can be made. Legal costs associated with the matter referred to by Mrs Patterson were \$14,296 as of May 2022; there has been no change to that amount since that time. In 2022, this equated to 0.59% of rates revenue. Staff time has not been calculated but each contact by a member of the public requires recording, responding or administrative response.

Legal costs are a necessary and ongoing part of running a business involved in statutory services – building and development approvals, land transfers and titles, rates enquiries on sale of properties, contracts, leases, agreements with governments and others; they are budgeted each year as part of the budget process. As at May 2022 the annual budget was \$25,000.

- 3. Has there been additional costs to ratepayers with the new (agreement) with St Luke’s medical practice (to manage the medical centre and provide a general practitioner)?** The only new costs to the community are approximately \$75,000 to replace computer, telephony and medical equipment. This is largely a one-off and was included in the 2022/23 budget and publicised by the shire at various times. The provision of a house and car is also budgeted and has been disclosed to ratepayers. The cost of computers, equipment and phones is largely a one off to replace out of date equipment and will be markedly less in future years. The total of these costs is many hundreds of thousands of dollars less than incurred by many other regional communities.

It is important to note that all local governments have a legislated role in public health management.

- 4. Sub-letting of rooms at the medical centre?** The management of the rooms (used by the doctor and medical professionals) will be conducted by the medical centre and fees will be retained by the medical centre which employs a number of local residents and provides services unavailable to many other similar communities. Hire fees are expected to be \$1,400 in 2022/23 with some savings made in shire staff time. The community was recently consulted on this arrangement with no comments received.

Mrs Patterson commented on bulk-billing: The charges made by doctors is between patients and them with all persons who qualify for reduced costs being bulk billed. It is expected full private billing will only affect 15% of patients – in most Perth practices this is between 40 and 60%.

A written response from the President will be provided to Mrs Patterson.



6. CLOSURE

With no further business to be discussed the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6.46pm

I certify that this copy of the Minutes is a true and
Correct records of the meeting held on
7 February 2023

Signed 

Presiding Elected Member

Date: 15/2/2024
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